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Chicago, Ill., Jan. 17.—The Chicago club is being rapidly shaped up for the coming season, and the chances are that before the month is out its roster will be complete. The coaching staff has been already taken care of with Kitzinger, Shriver and Murphy, and the pitching department has about been filled up. The club has five men under contract, viz.: Hitchcock, Meakin, Duke, Gumbert and Luby. All of these will be carried except Gumbert, who will no doubt be released. His work last season was not entirely satisfactory to Anson, who now has his eyes for an eastern man of established reputation, who would strengthen the club in pitching, batting and baserunning. If he can be secured Gumbert will be dropped without doubt. Luby is a doubtful quantity on the team. Anson carried him last season when he was worse than dead. It did not, but the old man worried along with him and rightly so. Anson argues that he is willing to take a chance on a player who is a man that can hit the ball. When Hitchcock is in the pin the club is playing with eight men practically from a batting standpoint, as Luby is a natural right hander. He is a natural right hander and can hold his own with anybody. The club, with Luby and Schriver in the points, could have been a formidable team. Luby has no effect to be most earnestly sought after.

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FUTURE FIGHTS.

Dates for Meetings Which May or May Not Take Place.

January 20.—Slattery vs Ed Corbett, near Yorkers, N. Y., heavyweights; gate receipts \$200 a side.

January 21.—Tommy Hogan vs Tommy White, catchweights; Chicago, purse, gate receipts, eight figures.

January 22.—George Siddons vs Tommy Warren; Metropolitan club, New Orleans, La.; 120 pounds; purse, \$1,000; fish.

January 23.—Harris Martin (the Pearl) vs Charlie Turner, California Athletic club, San Francisco, Cal.; 148 pounds; purse, \$1,000; fish.

January 25.—Mike Cushing vs Alex Gallagher, Jersey City, N. J.; 126 pounds; purse, \$300; six rounds.

January 26.—Al McCarthy vs Tom Callahan, Olympic club, New Orleans, La.; 115 pounds; purse, \$2,000; fish.

January 28.—King vs Jack Kierman, Pacific club, San Francisco, Cal.; catchweights; purse, \$1,000; fish.

January 30.—Paddy Brennan vs Mike Queenan, near Chicago, catchweights; purse, the gate receipts.

February 2.—Jimmy Murphy vs Andy Bowen, Chicago, heavyweights; six rounds.

February 3.—Billy Gallagher vs Billy Mahan, 140 pounds, Metropolitan club, San Francisco; purse, \$1,000; fish.

March 3.—Tommy Ryan vs Danny Needham, heavyweights; National club, London, England; purse, \$5,000; six rounds.

May 30.—Frank P. Slavin vs Peter Jackson, heavyweights; National club, London, England; purse, \$5,000; six rounds.

The Occidental club of San Francisco has arranged for a contest between Patsy Garfield and Jack Davis of Omaha for February or March.

A Six-Day Promenade.

Pedestrian Will A. Smith called at Times office last night and stated that Manager Healy, an old Omaha sporting man, would be here this week with his string of runners and walkers, and next Sunday would inaugurate a six-day gas-as-you-please pedestrian match at the Exposition hall. The match is to consist of six days, and among the starters will be such well known men as Hart, Taylor, Bennett, Guerrero, Cox, Smith, Palmer, Van Eick, Hov, and the German and a number of others. Carpenters will begin with constructing the track Wednesday morning, and by Sunday night everything will be in readiness for the start.

Great Main in Texas.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 17.—The greatest fight of any boxing man in Dallas took place yesterday between the birds of J. C. Pickens of Sulphur Springs, Tex., and Frank Adams of Grand Rapids, Mich., for \$10,000 a side and \$100 expense money to the losers. The fight took place at 10 o'clock and lasted until 4:30 in the afternoon. Adams gave Pickens the odds in gaits and nine birds to the side were shown. Pickens' cocks won five straight heats and were declared the winners.

Little Fellows to Meet.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 17.—Tommy Warren and George Siddons will meet in the rooms of the Metropolitan club Thursday evening for a purse of \$1,500; \$1,300 to the winner and \$200 to the loser. The club has made great preparations for the fight, and the interest in the meeting warrants the assumption that a great crowd will witness the set-to. The winner will be matched with the winner of the Callahan-McCarthy fight, which will occur here on the 27th.

Danny Puts the Kid to Sleep.

CHADRON, Neb., Jan. 17.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Danny Duff offered to forfeit \$100 last night to Mike Welch, the Denver Kid, if the latter stood before him six rounds. There was a large crowd present and it took a son of a gun to get a dot to put the kid in an unquestionable condition of somnolence. He was knocked out in the third round. The purse for which Danny and Mike fought was \$100, and the kid was raised from \$750 to \$1,000.

Made Another Agreement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 17.—Kimmick and McCann, whose expected fight before the California club ended in talk, have signed an agreement to fight on the 30th inst. at 140 pounds.

Bookmakers Arrested.

New York, Jan. 17.—The patrons of Guttenberg were astonished yesterday when Constable Graham appeared in the betting ring with warrants for the arrest of several of the bookmakers. He was persuaded to go before a Guttenberg justice, who placed the

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Chicago, Ill., Jan. 17.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Slavin and Mitchell, received a cablegram from his royal highness, the prince of Wales, acknowledging their message of sympathy and condolence with the late king. It simply read as follows: "The prince thanks you," and was signed by the controller, who is the master of the prince's household and attends to all his dispatches.

It has now been settled that Slavin and Mitchell take the road in association with Billy Thompson's combination, known